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Title : A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE CONTROL  
AND DISTRIBUTION OF VALUE BEARING ITEMS  
IN A PC POSTAGE SYSTEM  
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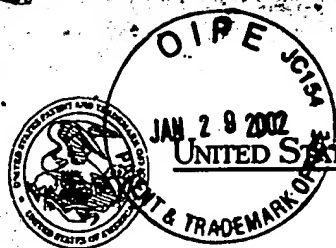
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